

Important Events in 20th Century Chinese History

	The Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution
	China joins the Korean War on the side of North Korea and fights against U.S. and UN forces.
	First meeting of the Chinese Communist Party in Shanghai
	Chairman Mao proclaims victory over Nationalists and establishes the People's Republic of China.
	Mao Zedong dies.
	Civil war between the Kuomintang (KMT) and Communist Party (CCP)
	Qing Dynasty overthrown, Republic of China established
	Chinese Civil War resumes.
	Tiananmen Square Democracy Protests
	The Kuomintang, or Nationalist Party, founded by Sun Yat-sen, embarks on the "Northern Expedition" under Chiang Kai-shek's command. This military campaign brings most of the warlords under control and establishes an effective central government again.
	"Warlord Period": in the absence of a strong central government, China splits into several regions, each ruled by a local warlord.
	World War II begins in Asia when Japan invades China; the Nationalists and Communists fight separately against the Japanese. The Chinese refer to this as the "War Against Japanese Aggression."
	Members of the "Boxers Society" seize foreign diplomatic buildings in Beijing, prompting Western governments to enter China and defeat the uprising.
	The Great Leap Forward
	Massive protests, later referred to as the "May Fourth Movement"
	Japan invades and takes control of Manchuria (northeast China).